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**CORONA MAN CHARGED WITH MAIL FRAUD
AND AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that a federal grand jury returned an indictment today charging RAYMOND FLINT, 41, of Corona, Calif., with eight counts of mail fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft in connection with a long-running scheme to defraud the California State Disability Insurance (SDI) program. The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned tomorrow at 2 p.m. before United States Magistrate Judge Kimberly J. Mueller in Sacramento.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Employment Development Department Investigation Division and the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations (IRS-CI). The U.S. Department of Justice participates in a multi-agency federal identity theft task force, and the U.S. Attorney's Office has appointed an identity theft coordinator to work with state and local law enforcement agencies.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Courtney J. Linn, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment charges that between September 2000 and April 2007, FLINT and others engaged in a scheme to defraud the SDI program of more than \$260,000 in disability benefit payments. As part of the scheme, FLINT caused materially false SDI claims to be submitted in his own name, in the names of his co-schemers, and in the name of third parties whose means of identification and employment and personal histories had been misappropriated. In carrying out the scheme, FLINT caused various addresses in the Southern California area to be used that he

and his co-schemers controlled. SDI benefit checks issued from Sacramento were mailed to these addresses and subsequently deposited into bank accounts controlled by FLINT and others.

The maximum statutory penalty for mail fraud is 20 years in prison, and a fine of up to \$250,000. The maximum penalty for aggravated identity theft is a mandatory two-year term in prison, consecutive to any sentence imposed on the underlying criminal offense. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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